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25X1X6 The first stage of negotiations between the Malay Sultans, the Malay Union Government and the United Malays' National Organization concluded with the submission of blue prints for a draft treaty of agreement with the Sultans and a draft Malayan Federation plan prepared by a committee appointed for the purpose.

25X1X6 2. The Sultans and the UMNO approved the fundamental principles of central government and common citizenship, details of which are not yet available. After submission to the British Colonial Office non-Malay communities will be consulted before the Colonial Office will give its final approval to the plans. (Field comment: Judging from progress to date, a Malay Federation does not seem likely to materialize until late 1947.)

25X1A6a 3. Indian and Chinese opinion are said to expect the framework of the present Malayan Union to remain, with only minor changes. They also claim that the Malays will have to make concessions whereby Malays may lose prewar preferential treatment. The Malay Nationalist Party is reported bitterly opposed to the procedure of the present discussions.

25X1X6 comment: It is expected that the British prewar pro-Malay policy may undergo revision in favor of a policy of racial balance between Malays, Chinese and Indians, chiefly because of Indonesian developments and economic issues.)

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